

Matus et al.

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REMARKS

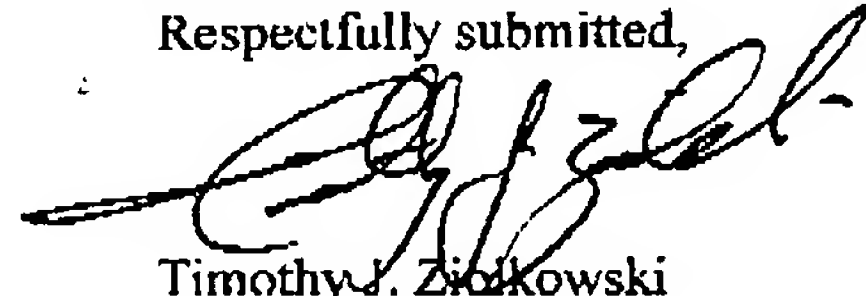
Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. In the final Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, claims 1-13, 15-18, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schneider et al. (USP 5,866,869). Claims 14 and 19, as amended, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider et al. Applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal.

Claims 1, 12, and 18 have been amended in accordance with an interview with the Examiner on this date. It was agreed that the amended claims are allowable.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-22.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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